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# DAHLIA 1925



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#### ABBREVIATIONS

Dec. Stands for Decorative. C. Cactus. H. C. Hybrid Cactus. S. Show. Peo. Peony. H. S. Hybrid Show.

A. C. Lawrence—(H. C.) This new creation is one of the best of the hybrid cactus type. The color is a very lovely shade of pink. Its large size makes it an exceptionally good flower for exhibition purposes
*Albert Ward—(Peo.) An exceptionally large peony flower, well formed and a free bloomer. Good stems. Color a beautiful shade of light rosolane purple at tips of petals shading darker at base
Alex Waldie—(Dec.) This is one of the most beautiful decorative dahlias. The large flowers are held above the foliage on fine stems. The color is creamy ground over-laid with delicate salmon pink. This flower has received high praise everywhere it has been grown
Ambassador—(C.) The largest cactus grown to date. The color is a soft yellow buff, shaded salmon-pink. Flowers are of pleasing form. Size 7-10" and the best stemed cactus grown. Tuber \$5.00. Plants
Arthur Kelsey—(S.) A well formed flower on very good stems, very free bloomer. Good for exhibition. A purplish crimson beauty
Attraction—(H. C.) One of the best lavender hybrid cactus of large size and good form
Ballett Girl—(C.) This is a cactus of English type but has a better stem than most of its class. A bush often has flowers with several combinations of color, some white some orange but the majority are orange tipped with white attracting considerable attention
Beachey—(H. S.) A moster hybrid show dahlia. Color is a purple magenta on good stems and fine for exhibition 1.50
Ben Wilson—(Dec.) This is a very large flower, easily grown 7 inches, on good stems. Color is orange red, tipped gold. A wonderfully free bloomer
*Black Chief—(Peo.) A monster flower of very dark velvety maroon almost black, measuring 10 inches. The flowers are borne on very long stems way above the foliage. This is one of our new prize winners. Net
Bonnie Brae—(Dec.) This is the finest cream dahlia shadded pink that we have ever grown. The flowers are immense in size and a very prolific bloomer 2.00
Boston White—(Dec.) This is one of the best white's grown. It is a wonderful bloomer, good for cut flowers or exhibition. The beautiful white flowers are on good long stems well above the foliage
California Superba—(Dec.) This is one of California's varieties. Color light pink. The flower is composed of many narrow petals. Stems are stiff, which holds the numerous blossoms upright, retains its center all season 4.00
Cambria—(Dec.) This is the prettiest pink and white dahlia grown. A very free bloomer. Flowers are very large size on good strong stems. A desirable flower,,,,,, 2.00

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates our own originat ons.

Cardinal Mercier—(Peo.) A delightful shade of cream pink, flowers are very large and on excellent stems. Perfect peony flower, and the tiny curling petals are all around the center. 3.00
Catherine Cooper—(Dec.) A very large flower of fine form, good stems and habits. This can be grown easily 7-9 inches, a rosy lavendar in color and blossoms very profusely. A good all around decorative
*Century—(Dec.) A very large lavendar flower of fine form and a very prolific bloomer. One of our best seedlings. You should have this flower. It has fine stems
Champagne—(Dec.) This is one of the best California dahlias. This has all the good qualities, that is necessary for a good dahlia. It is very large and on the best of stems. Colors are warm Autumn shades, varying from burnished copper to a dull golden champagne. This is a dahlia well worth growing. 5.00
Chanson—(Peo.) A very pretty deep lilac, with a blueish sheen, which is noticeable late in the year. This is a very large peony, petals are numerous, broad and flat, giving great substance.  Stems are perfect
Charles E. Hughes—(H. C.) A deep yellow, extra large hybrid cactus. On sale for the fiirst time. Plants only15.00
*Christine Evers—(Peo.) A very prolific bloomer producing blossoms on extra long straight stems. The face of petals is mallow pink, reverse rhodamine purple shading lighter at tips. A good keeper making it an ideal flower for cutting 1.50
Choctaw—(Peo.) Extra large exhibition variety. Carried on long stiff stems. It is a flower worth having in your garden. Color is a beautiful pale mahogany
City of Lawrence—(Dec.) A mammoth deep yellow on good stems. One of the deepest dahlias that grows. A free bloomer. If size is what you want this will suit you. It will attract attention in the garden or at an exhibition. Plants \$4.00 7.50
Colleen Bawn (Kernon's 102)—(Dec.) The long, shaggy, slightly twisted petals of this large deep pink flower faintly tinged with lavendar make up a bloom which must be seen to be appreciated. Plants \$5.00
Countess of Lonsdale—(C.) A deep salmon pink tinted apricot. An exceptionally free bloomer
Dakota—(Dec.) A fine flame colored dahlia. It has long stems, good bloomer, and a splendid garden variety. Extra good 2.00
Daddy Butler—(H. C.) This is a very large hybrid cactus of the truest form for exhibition and a wonderful cut flower, colors are of the american beauty shades or rosy carmine. The petals are twisted and rolled showing a lighter tint. The stem is perfect and bushes are always covered with extra large perfect blooms, which last for days when cut. Fine exhibition flower
Della V. Potter—(Dec.) A very pretty flower. It is lavendar with white tips. Blooms are very large. Very good for exhibition
Dr. Marshall A. Howe—(Dec.) A magnificent large pink, edge of petals a shade darker. Flowers are 7-9 inches in diameter. For beauty and form and color, I have not seen its equal. This is one of the best exhibition flowers grown. Plants \$5.0010.00
Dr. Tevis—(Dec.) An extra large flower on long stiff stems. Color, soft salmon rose suffused old gold and apricot center. It is a prolific bloomer, a prize winner and a strong grower 1.00

Earle Williams—(Dec.) The size and depth of this variety makes it one of the finest dahlias to date. Color a rich brilliant red and white well distributed. The blooms are held on good stiff stems
Edith Cavell—(Dec.) A dahlia of wonderful coloring, orange suffused with old gold. The large flowers are held aloft on long stiff stems
Edith Slocombe—(H. C.) A true hybrid cactus. Color is a rich purplish garnet. This dahlia is a wonderful bloomer, very large flowers on long wiry stems
Edward La Favor—(Dec.) Good as a cut flower, very free bloomer, color is a deep red streaked and splashed yellow 1.00
El Dorado—(Dec.) Size, stem and color of this variety are of the best. It is an immense blossom of vivid gold, deepening in the center. Flowers are held erect on long stiff stems. A fine cut flower and one to add to your collection. A decorative. Plants \$4.00
El Granada—(H. C.) An immense orange hybrid cactus. The petals twist and interlace, showing at the tips a creamy yellow reverse. The long stem grows well out of the foliage and is absolutely stiff and faultless. This a fine exhibition flower. Plants \$5.00
Elizabeth Boston—(Peo.) The best and largest peony of its coloring that has so far been produced. Blooms are of deep crimson, shading to old gold at the tips, and will hold its color the entire season. The center is surrounded with tiny, curly petals which make this introduction perfect of its type. Stems are exceeding long
*Elsie Daniels—(H. C.) A new introduction for 1923. Received a certificate of merit. The color of this wonderful dahlia is a pale orchid shade on the outer petals which are long and shaggy, the center ones are white, making a most wonderful combination of colors. The habits of the plant are all that could be desired. It grows about four feet tall and the stems are strong enough to hold the extra large flowers erect above the foliage. Plants \$8.00
Elsie Oliver—(H. C.) A huge deep bloom of regular quilled petals of cream, shading to pink. A flower every one likes. Hybrid Cactus
*Empress of India—((Peo.) A very dark velvety maroon borne on extremely long stems way above the foliage. An excellent bloomer
*Enos Pyle—(Dec.) A beautiful golden bronze of the decorative type. Face of the petals, shaded and streaked with jasper and nopal red. Reverse streaked and veined with rosolane purple. Petals are twisted, showing the colors on reverse side. The blossoms are very large and are borne on the tips of very long stiff stems. Awarded 87 points at Storrs Trial Gardens
Estelle Christy—(S.) Immense yellow hybrid show. A very good garden variety
Esther R. Holmes—(H. C.) One of the very best hybrids grown.  This is especially good for cutting and has long stiff stems and is a profuse bloomer
Esther Hunt—(H. C.) The large blooms are composed of long well rolled petals with serrated tips. The vivid colored flowers of oriental orange make a most striking bouquet. A very pretty hybrid cactus

Ethel Mower—(Dec.) This is one of the truest decoratives.  Color is light pink borne on long stiff stems, one of the best bloomers. It is an ideal exhibition flower and dahlia that is really worth growing
Florence Finger—(Dec.) A very nice garden variety. Color is pink, very free bloomer on good stems 1.00
F. W. Fellows—(C.) Very large orange scarlet with long narrow pointed petals. A good variety
Gee Whiz—(C.) A very large cactus. The color is a soft buff shaded with salmon. Always perfectly double 2.00
*George C. Meachen—(Dec.) This is one of our seedlings. It is a large beautifully formed decorative flower and so deep and full that it is almost round. The face of the petals is pinard yellow overland with a golden sheen. Reverse of outer petals is nopal red, inner petals rose doree streaked with pinard yellow. The petals curl enough to show the colors on reverse side making a most beautiful flower. The plant is very sturdy grower and the stems are straight and strong enough to hold the heavy flowers erect above the foliage. The flowers keep well when cut. Plants \$4.00
George Walters—(H. C.) One of the most popular dahlias grown. It grows well everywhere. The flowers are always large and one of the best bloomers. It has fine long stems. Color is a lovely salmon pink, suffused with gold in the center75
Gladys Sherwood—(H. C.) This is the largest pure white hybrid cactus to date. A continuous bloomer and a good garden or exhibition variety
*General McRae—(Dec.) One of our new seedlings. The face of the petals is apricot buff, suffused with gold and the reverse light coral red, making a beautiful combination. The flowers are very large and perfectly formed and are held erect on extra strong, stiff dark colored stems. One of our prize winners. Plants \$5.00
General Miles—(H. S.) An enormous fancy show dahlia. Ground color is a light violet striped and spotted with purplish magenta. A show dahlia of exceptional merit 1.00
*Golden Crown—(H. C.) An old gold hybrid cactus on the end of a cane like stem. Each large petal is backed with a small twisted petal. New introduction for 1925
Goldfinch—(Dec.) One of the best yellow flowers. Fine grower, good bloomer on stiff stems 1.50
Golden West—(C.) A superb flower of exceptional size on long rigid stems. Deep rich yellow heavily overlaid with orange. Fine for cutting
Grace Allen Fay—(Dec.) This is a very large rosy crimson flower. It is well formed and on good stems and a very free bloomer
Guardian—(C.) One of the finest cactus grown. It is grown on good strong stems, very free bloomer. Color is a deep red 1.00
Helen Keller—(Peo.) This is one of the finest pink peony dahlias grown. Its size is immense and on good stems, being a free bloomer
is a giant in size. Color tangerine and yellow. With us the plants were very stocky
Hortulanus Feit—(Dec.) A beautiful salmon color with yellow center. This is one of the handsomest and largest of its color grown. We recommend this highly

Insulinda—(Dec.) One of the finest decorative dahlias. Extra large on long stiff stems. A dahlia everybody should grow. It is a rich golden orange. Extra fine
Islam Patrol—(H. C.) A very dark velvet scarlet, tipped and flushed with gold. Fine long stems, a good keeper and prize winner anywhere
Joe Jay (*No. 88)—(Dec.) We have in this new seedling a coloring that never before has been seen in a dahlia. The face of the petals is a pomegranate purple, the backs Brazil red all overlaid with a purplish bronze. Something new for 1925 5.00
Judge Alton B. Parker—(Dec.) A wonderful exhibition variety of true decorative form. Very large flower grown on strong stems well above the foliage. Color is one of the most beautiful golden buff, one would wish to see
Judge Marean—(Dec.) This dahlia is too well known to describe.  One of the best bloomers with large flowers on long stems.  It is a glowing salmon pink, yellow and pure gold 2.50
Juliet May—(Peo.) A very beautiful lavendar pink, shading to white in the center. Flowers are immense in size, held erect on good stems. A very free flowering variety 1.00
Jersey's Beauty—(Dec.) Very fine true pink. Flowers large and of perfect shape, produced on long, straight, stiff stems. Very free bloomer and a splendid keeper. Certificate American Dahlia Society 1923. Plants \$5.00
Kaliff—(H. C.) A monster hybrid cactus. It is a pure scarlet.  Flowers often seven inches on long stiff stems. A standard variety and always perfect
King George—(H. S.) One of the largest lavendar show dahlias to date. A wonderfully free bloomer, on straight stems and good for exhibition and cut flowers. One of the best 1.50
King of Shows—(S). This is the largest yellow show dahlia to date. It is grown on excellent stems, a very free bloomer1.50
Koh-I-Noor—(H. C.) This is the largest maroon hybrid cactus we have ever seen, The petals roll closely and run to a point at the tip. This can be grown to an enormous size on good stiff stems and blooms abundantly at all times. This is well worth growing
Lady Helen—(H. C.) A strikingly beautiful flower of a cerise color shaded with cream tips all overlaid with silver. Good bloomer and good stems 2.00
Le Grand Manitou—(Dec.) A large white and violet purple. A handsome flower; it takes everyone's eye. It is a fine bloomer .75
Madonna—(Dec.) An unusually attractive flower of silver white.  The flowers are often over 7 inches in diameter with wavy and reflexed petals. It has an abundance of blooms on erect stiff stems
Mrs. Atherton—(Dec.) An extra large lemon yellow. A prolific bloomer, flowers often 7 inches. One of the best yellows on the market
Mariposa—(H. C.) This is one of the best hybrid cactus grown. The bushes are always covered with large flowers. It is a prize winner wherever exhibited. This is one of the best western dahlias that we know of. Color is a delightful shade of violet pink, which is intensified by a violet suffusion. The blooms are of great depth and substance, borne on extra long and stiff stems

*Marion Christine—(Dec.) One of the best decoratives for cut flowers. The color is cadmium tipped with begonia rose. It has long, stiff stems and the blooms are beautiful. This is one of the best dahlias of our collection and is recommended for garden use	1.50
Melody—(C.) A true cactus of canary yellow, tapped white. Long narrow florets	.75
Mephistropheles—(Dec.) This is the finest dahlia of its class that has ever been introduced. The flowers are large, the color ruby red tipped golden yellow. The stems extra long and strong	3.00
Millionaire—(Dec.) One of the largest decorative dahlias grown. It is a very pretty lavender and white	1.50
Mr. Crowley—(Dec.) One of the most exquisite dahlias on the market, attracting attention wherever it is exhibited. A bright glowing shade of salmon pink, base of petals yellow. It has strong stems and is a desirable dahlia	3.50
Mt. Shasta—(H. C.) A very light shell pink with deeper shading of pink through the petals and a faint tint of yellow at the center	1.00
Mrs. Carl Salback—(Dec.) A large flower of lavender pink with lighter tints at base of petals. Extra fine long stems. A good bloomer and one of the best exhibition varieties	1.50
Mrs. Charles L. Britten—(H. S.) A new hybrid show. Without disbudding flowers will grow 6-8 in. The outer petals are pink and the center white. A very free bloomer	5.00
Mrs. E. L. Lindsey—(Dec.) This is a very large decorative dahlia. The color is a scarlet and gold resembling the Geisha. It produces full center on good stiff stems. This flower can be grown 7-9 inches. It is also a good keeper 3	3.00
Mrs. Edna Spencer—(C.) An excellent growing variety. The stems are strong. The flower is a true lavendar cactus shading to white	1.00
Mrs. Ethel T. F. Smith—(H. C.) This one of the largest hybrid cactus grown. It is often grown ten inches. It has long straight stems and one of the best bloomers. Color is a beautiful creamy white, shading to lemon white in the center. This is a great exhibition flower	50
Mrs Geo. C. Meachen (*No. 74)—(Dec.) A new decorative that is sure to be a winner. The face of the flower is irridescent shadings of picric yellow and corinthian pink with a deep rose back. All together it is a very delicate and wonderful color. Available 1925	0.00
*Mrs. George Sherman—(Peo.) This dahlia produces very tall plants bearing immense blooms on long wiry stems. They are an odd effect in shaded scarlet over a sort of brick red with silver flecks on the outer surface giving an irridescent texture	.00
Mrs. I. DeVer Warner—(Dec.) One of the best lavender decorative flowers grown. It is enormous in size and has good straight stems. It is a sturdy grower and an exceptionally good bloomer. A splendid keeper	.00
Mrs. J. L. Emerson—(Dec.) Well formed flowers. The ground color a warm shade of red and gold the petals distinctly edged and striped with gold. An ideal flower for garden decorations	

*Mrs. Sally D. Bull—(Peo.) A very large, beautiful flower of exquisite coloring. Face of petals, yellow, reverse rose. Petals curl and twist showing both colors	00
Mrs. Stillman—(Peo.) An exquisite shade of pink. The flower is made up of very long, slim incurving petals that stand up in a most attractive manner	00
Miss Leota Cota—(Dec.) A more beautiful blending of creamy buff and pink would be hard to imagine. The flowers are enormous coming to 10 inches in diameter. This is a fine exhibition flower	00
*Miss Martin—(Peo.) This beautiful peony flower is a very dark garnet. It is extra large and full and each petal looks like a piece of velvet. Best of stems. New introduction for 1925.  Plants	00
Miss Bridgeport—(Dec.) The color is white and it is a very strong grower	06
Papillon—(H. C.) This is a very large dahlia. It is a wonderfully improved George Walter, size much larger, stem much better. A beautiful shade of old rose, with golden lights. A wonderful bloomer, stems strong and long, that carry the flower well above the foliage 4.6	00
Pierrot—(C.) One of the finest amber colored dahlias grown. Sometimes tipped white, making one of the best cactus grown. Extra large and fine for exhibition	00
*Pride of Stratford—(Dec.) One of 1925's best decoratives. The face of the petals is burnt orange with deep rose reverse. The enormous flowers stand well above the foliage on the best of stems. Plants only	00
Radio—(Dec.) An enormous red and yellow flower. It might well be called a beacon light for it attracts the attention from all parts of the garden. Plants \$5.00. Bulbs10.6	00
Ralph Blodgett—(Dec.) This is something new and entirely different from other varieties, in color, which is deep orange, with a slight red suffusion and each petal tipped white, very large size and a splendid bloomer	00
*Robert H. Sherman—(Dec.) A very large, beautifully formed flower with very straight stiff stems. Color is pale orange yellow tipped with apricot. Reverse side of petals spinel pink beautifully veined and shaded. The whole overlaid with golden bronze. A prolific bloomer and wonderful flower. Awarded the certificate of merit at the show	50
Rosa Nell—(Dec.) A very fine decorative. A pleasing rose pink on long stiff stems, size is enormous, often over 7 inches 1.5	50
*Ruby Jayne—(Dec.) One of our 1919 seedlings and we are proud of it. Color is ox blood red. An extra large flower with long stiff stems. A prolific bloomer just put on the market	50
*Sea Shell—(Peo.) Sea shell pink. A prolific bloomer. The very large flowers carried on long stems are greatly admired.  New for 1925	00
Siskiyou—(H. C.) This dahlia grows to an enormous size and it produces the largest flowers we have ever grown. It has created a sensation wherever it was grown. Plants are very strong and vigorous. Flowers are held perfectly erect on strong stems, color is pink tinged mauve	00
Snowdrift—(Dec.) This giant white bloom deserves its name. A very full deep built flower with broad waxy petals. We consider it the best pure white yet on the market 2.0	)0

*Spanish Queen—(Peo.) Massive flower of good formation. Ox- blood red reverse silvery white. Good stems, excellent bloomer 2.00
Susan Coe—(Peo.) A splendid flower of perfect form, large size, carried on long stiff wiry stems, a pleasing shade of rose pink, passing to a yellow center, suffused salmon as the season advances. This is an exceptional dahlia
Susan G. Tevis—(Dec.) An extra fine dahlia, which produces an abundance of flowers, early to bloom and continues until frost. The color is a deep shade of lilac, with a bluish sheen. Flowers are carried on strong stiff stems. Plants 4.00 7.50
Sweethearts' Bouquet—(Peo.) A perfect flower of the peony type.  Color is a unique combination of salmon rose shaded with faun, pleasing alike in both day and artificial light. Flowers are large and are held erect on extra long wiry stems. A pro- lific bloomer and greatly admired
*Sweet Lavender—(Peo.) A very full peony. It is a beautiful shade of light lilac to purplish lilac overlaid with a silvery sheen. The flowers are large and it is a prolific bloomer on very long stems
*The Blizzard—(H. C.) A true formed, pure white hybrid cactus on good long stems. What better do you want than that. Look for it next year. It's a winner
*The General—(Dec.) A deep garnet flower of unusual size with a silvery white reverse, the combination forming a blossom of remarkable beauty and charm. Bulbs
The Emperor—(Dec.) This distinguished dahlia is deserving of a place in every fine collection. It is a strong, healthy grower, producing very large blooms of bright maroon that does not fade; very fine
The Grizzly—(H. C.) A velvety dark, red decorative. The flowers are extra large and reflex which makes it very attractive, a rare novelty and a prize winner
*Uncle Sam—(Peo.) The largest and most beautiful flower to date. A prize winner wherever exhibited. Color, orange buff at base of petals shading to bittersweet pink at tips. All overlaid with a beautiful golden sheen. Center petals mustard yellow streaked with deep rose pink and beautifully curled and twisted. Reverse side of petals shaded spinel red. This flower is really impossible to describe. It is immense in size measuring 8 to 10 inches without disbudding and is held on stiff stems from 2 to 4 feet long. Every lover of the dahlias should have one. No home or garden complete without "Uncle Sam". Order early
Violetta—(C.) The color is a petunia violet with little or no shading. The flower is large growing on top of the stem. A very free bloomer
Wizard of Oz—(Dec.) This gigantic flower is indeed a wizard with its rare shades of glowing amber, pink and soft salmon. The flowers are very large with wonderfully strong stems. The plant is all that can be desired. Plants 5.00
W. W. Rawson—(S.) This is a fine show dahlia. White overlaid amethyst. Extra good
Ysletta—(Dec.) This dahlia is difficult to describe as to color, being of copper, orange and coppery tints. It is an extra large flower, good bloomer and fine stems. A very desirable dahlia
Yellow Prince—(Dec.) Color is a rich golden yellow, flowers are of immense size, a wonderfully good bloomer on strong stems. Do not miss this dahlia
stems. Do not mass time danna

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